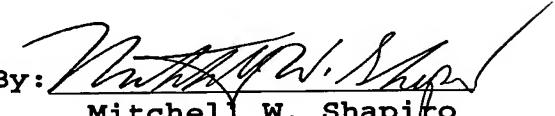


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 16-20 have been cancelled, subject to Applicants' right to presentation in a continuing application. Accordingly, Claims 1-15 are pending for examination.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

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